

WIRE-PULLING IS NOT A MODERN ART

F. C. Shoemaker Writes of "Missouri's Struggle for Statehood."

COMPELS NEW VIEW
Author Has Been Working Seven Years on Book— Gives Local View.

Floyd Calvin Shoemaker, assistant librarian of the State Historical Society and former assistant in political science and public law in the University, is the author of a book, "Missouri's Struggle for Statehood," which will be ready for distribution this fall. Mr. Shoemaker has been working on the book since 1908.

Missouri, the twenty-fourth state, was admitted to the Union August 10, 1821. When the admission was proposed, a violent discussion arose as to whether it should be a free or a slave state. Through the efforts of Henry Clay, it was admitted as a slave state, under the compromise that slavery should be prohibited in all other territories west of the Mississippi river and north of the southern boundary of Missouri.

Mr. Shoemaker's book tells the story from the toasts drunk at banquets, private letters, presentments of grand juries, as well as from official documents. It reveals for the first time the two Missouri compromises from the local point of view. In the author's opinion, the two Missouri compromises of 1820 and 1821 have been only half explained. This book will be the first to tell the other half of the subject. It tells of popular opinion in Missouri on legal, political and economic subjects prior to, at the time of, and after the action of Congress on the Missouri question.

Describes Constitution Makers.

The book describes the men, who, hailing from England, Ireland, Wales, Louisiana, and eleven of the other states, framed the first constitution of Missouri.

"Wire-pulling" was just as conspicuous in those early days as it is today, says Mr. Shoemaker. Lawyers were dominant in the popular assemblies, even though they were in the minority. The book presents a typical instance of the process of the evolution as a pioneer region from a territory to a state. It considers national interference with the evolution and its effects on popular opinion in that territory. It describes the framing of a state constitution with the inside "wire-pulling" and the establishing of a state government. Further, it considers the second attempt at national interference, its results, and the admission of the state into the Union.

The book analyzes the Constitution of Missouri of 1821, revealing its authorship, origin and contents. It shows a state government in operation before the state had been admitted, and at the time when the state's senators, Thomas Hart Benton and David Barton, were refused their seats in Congress.

Tells of Delegates to Convention.

One chapter is devoted to the personnel of the delegates to the convention at which the constitution of 1821 was framed. It gives their occupations and standings, a matter which, in the belief of Mr. Shoemaker, helped control the decisions of the various delegates. There were forty-one delegates at this convention.

In gathering material for the book, Mr. Shoemaker has collected information from primary sources only. The government manuscript archives at Washington, D. C., letters, petitions to Congress, biographies, newspapers of Missouri and Arkansas, and official publications have been his sources. Material, heretofore unknown, has compelled a revision of traditional views relating to many questions.

\$900 IN TRUST FOR 3 NEGROES

J. A. Sublett Remembers Servants in Will, But Sister Gets Only \$1.

The will of J. A. Sublett leaves a trust fund of \$900 for the benefit of Hannah Thomas, Jim Washington and Ed Boggs, negroes who had been servants of Mr. Sublett. One dollar is given to a sister, Mrs. Annie E. Sandifer. The remainder of the property, consisting of a farm near Columbia and personal property, is divided share and share among Samuel T. and William H. Abraham, Miss Mattie Sublett, Mrs. M. E. Ridgeway, Mrs. Mollie Palmer, Mrs. Alice Hill and the heirs of John G. Sublett. The principal of the trust fund will be distributed among the brothers after the death of the beneficiaries.

To Lecture in Kansas City. Judge John D. Lawson of the School of Law of the University, will give two lectures in Kansas City Thursday and Friday on the subject, "International Law."

HERE IS THE BUFORD ACT

New Law Provides for Degrees at School of Mines.

The Buford bill relative to engineering courses in the School of Mines; Senate Bill No. 522, as signed by Governor Major, is as follows:

An act to repeal sections 11134 and 11141, of article 17, chapter 106, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for 1909, and to enact two sections in lieu thereof.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. That sections 11134 and 11141 of article 17, chapter 106, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for 1909, be and the same are hereby repealed and the following two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 11134 and 11141.

Section 11134. The leading objects of said colleges shall be to teach such branches as are related to agriculture and mechanic arts and mining, including military tactics, and without excluding other scientific and classical studies, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life.

Section 11141. The college of agriculture and the school of mines and metallurgy shall have power to confer degrees suitable to their designs and courses of study; and the school of mines and metallurgy shall provide courses for, and shall confer the bachelor of science and professional degrees in mining engineering, in metallurgy, in mechanical engineering, in electrical engineering, in chemical engineering, in civil engineering and the degrees of bachelor and master of science in general science.

ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE TAKEN

Owner Was at Carnival—Car Found on Stewart Road.

While Gibbs A. Spencer, cashier of the Boone County National Bank, and family were attending the Ad Club Circus Saturday night, someone took their automobile, which had been left in front of Rothwell Gymnasium. Mr. Spencer notified the police who searched all night for the car. It was finally found at the end of Stewart road. Three tires were flat, but otherwise no damage was done. Mr. Spencer has no idea who took it.

"I don't believe they ran it very far," he said this morning. "They drove it until they had blown out two old tires and punctured another, and then had to quit."

ALL AMATEURS IN THIS LEAGUE

Columbia and Other Teams to Lose \$100 Forfeit If Salaries Are Paid.

Another meeting of the Central Missouri Baseball League will be held at Moberly about the middle of April. By this time the managers of the teams are supposed to have an idea of what their line-ups will be. If any manager pays a salary or fails to finish the season with his team, he loses the club's \$100 forfeit money. These forfeits will be posted at the next meeting. There is over \$300 in the Columbia club's treasury.

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LONGWELL HEADS ATHENEANS

New Officers Are Elected—Meeting Closes With Smoker and Toasts.

C. R. Longwell, a senior in the College of Arts and Science, was elected president of the Athenaeon Society Saturday night. George Catts was made vice-president; W. M. Stringer, critic; H. K. Poindexter, historian, and W. R. Herring, trustee.

N. T. Gentry addressed the society and acted as critic for the evening. C. H. Williams, head of the Extension Division of the University, spoke on the awakening of debating as a student activity among the high schools of the state.

The meeting was closed with a smoker. The following members made brief talks in response to toasts: P. C. Sprinkle, Gardner Smith, John Vogel, M. S. Kendrick, W. M. Stringer, and P. C. Bennett. H. K. Poindexter, the retiring president, was toastmaster.

CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET HEAVY

175 Cases Will Come Up—To Convene April 5.

The docket for the April term of the Circuit Court which will convene Monday, April 5, will be the heaviest docket in several years. There are 175 cases. Of these, 23 are divorce cases, and 2 are murder cases. The case against Al. L. James, on trial for the alleged murder of Abe Sublett December 20, will be brought up. The case against Ralph Dickerson, charged with the murder of Andrew McClish will be brought up again. Nine cases concerned with the Columbia Guarantee Abstract Company, of which E. C. Anderson is receiver, will be tried. There are also forty-four persons on parole who must report.

The case against the M. K. & T. Railway Company to collect over charges on rates also will be tried. This case has been detained in order that the State Supreme Court may give its decision on a similar case. The case is a year and a half old.



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Praise for the Civic League.

The Civic League of Columbia has received honorable mention in the biennial report of the state food and drug commissioner, F. H. Fricke. The department says that its efficiency was greatly aided by local organizations. Those mentioned as having been especially active and useful are: Civic League of Columbia, Consumers' League of St. Louis, Housewives' League of St. Louis and Kansas City, Housewives' League of Jefferson City, Federated Clubs of Mexico, and Sojourners' Club of Kirksville.



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The Agricultural Experiment Station of the College of Agriculture has issued a bulletin on the "Profits From Spraying Twenty-five Missouri Orchards in 1914." In all cases the spraying was cooperative, the farmers furnishing the orchards and the University the spraying chemicals and a spraying expert.

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County Superintendent. We are authorized to announce R. L. Gwin as a candidate for election to the office of County Superintendent of Public Schools, subject to the action of the qualified voters, Tuesday, April 6, 1915. We are authorized to announce George T. Porter as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Superintendent of Public Schools, subject to the action of the qualified voters, Tuesday, April 6, 1915.

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